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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of November 24, 2006, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the support member of each printhead module is a one-piece member and that the printhead modules are removably mounted to the casing through removable engagement of the support members and a support frame of the casing. Support for these amendments can be found at page 6, line 33-page 7, line 10 of the present specification; and

dependent claims 2-8 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-8 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by previously cited Silverbrook '908 in view of any one or more of newly cited Silverbrook (US 2002/0180834) and previously cited Milan and Lu, for at least the following reasons.

As discussed above, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite the arrangement of the present invention in which the fluid channel members 40 of the printhead modules 30 are one-piece molded members which are removably mounted within the channel 21 of the casing 20 (see page 6, line 33-page 7, line 10 and page 12, line 3-page 14, line 25 of the present specification).

On the other hand, in Silverbrook '908 the reservoir molding 32 of the ink reservoir 16 (considered by the Examiner as the claimed "support members") is heat staked to the chassis 14 (considered by the Examiner as the claimed "casing"), such that the printhead "module" 10 (as considered by the Examiner) is clearly not removably mounted to the "casing" (see col. 5, lines 14-33 of Silverbrook).

Further, none of Silverbrook '834, Milan and Lu provide any disclosure which would motivate one of ordinary skill in the art to modify this arrangement of Silverbrook '908, because Silverbrook '834 specifically discloses that the removable mounting of the printhead modules 46 to the individual ink distribution arrangements 72, which are separately positioned in the channel 62 to form the ink reservoir assembly 70, facilitates removal and replacement when necessary (see paragraph [0057] of Silverbrook '834). Lu merely discloses a reciprocating printhead 2,10 (see paragraphs [0001]-[0003] and [0013] of Lu) and Milan merely discloses a modular surge protection system (see abstract of Milan).

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It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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